

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE March 14, 1961

Full Name Lawrence, Neil E.
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 526 Blackhawk Street

City Janesville State Wisconsin

Age 22 - 1939 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Prot. Nationality AMERICAN

Occupation LABORER - ELECTRONICS FIRM.

Education 2 YR. COLLEGE

Weight 170 Color BR. WHITE Height 5' 11"

Color of hair BR. Color of eyes BR.

Outstanding characteristics or interests CAMPING EXCELLENT MECHANIC

Married or single S. Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
Troop 12	JANES.	WIS	SM	2/1958	3/61

Special recognition EAGLE

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

SEX DEVIATE - MOLESTING - ARRESTED MARCH 2, 1961
NO OTHER RECORD

Signed E. P. [Signature]
Scout Executive

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January 5, 1962

Mr. D. A. Brentlinger, Scout Executive
Indian Trails Council, No. 639
109 East Milwaukee Street
Janesville, Wisconsin

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Neil Lawrence

Dear Mr. Brentlinger:

We received your letter concerning Neil Lawrence and have put a special note on the unit's file, since we had not anticipated that he might preregister under the circumstances which you apparently are well aware of.

If the unit has already been submitted to us, we will endeavor to stop his registration. However, as you know it is not our normal procedure to check men classified as "RE". Should we happen to miss it, please advise us immediately and return the card. We will then follow our normal procedure to advise you that he cannot be registered.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service

JDW:mlh

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INDIAN TRAILS

Boy Scouts of America

COUNCIL 7-633

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Headquarters at 109 East Milwaukee Street, Janesville, Wisconsin

Pleasant 2-1546

January 2, 1962

Delmar Wilson
Personnel Division
Boy Scouts of America
National Council
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We are processing a charter which is requesting the reregistration of Neil Lawrence. He lives at 526 Blackhawk Street, Janesville, Wisconsin, age 23, Protestant and was Scoutmaster of Troop 12, First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Lawrence was the man who was picked up for sexual relationships with [REDACTED], Scout Executive.

[REDACTED] was supposed to have reported Mr. Lawrence but I am not sure whether he did or not, is my reason for writing this letter. Mr. Lawrence should be on the confidential list and refused registration. So when the charter is returned, I'll expect to receive a refusal on Mr. Lawrence.

Sincerely yours,

D. A. Brentlinger
D. A. Brentlinger
Scout Executive

DAB/bmg

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January 18, 1962

Mr. Donald A. Brentlinger, Scout Executive
Indian Trails Council, No. 633
109 E. Milwaukee Street
Janesville, Wisconsin

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Neil Lawrence,
Comm. Troop 9

Dear Mr. Brentlinger:

We have just received the re-registration for Troop 9, which lists Neil Lawrence as a Committee Member. We are unable to approve Mr. Lawrence's registration and therefore have deleted his name from the unit roster. A refund of his fee will follow.

It will be necessary for you to advise Mr. Lawrence that he can not be registered and I suggest that you do this in person. Merely tell him that you are sorry, but that the National Council will not approve his registration. Please make no reference at all to the confidential file. Certainly Mr. Lawrence should be aware of the reason and this will give him the opportunity to withdraw gracefully giving whatever reason he wishes.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service

JDM:nlh

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February 7, 1962

Mr. Donald A. Brentlinger, Scout Executive
Indian Trails Council, No. 633
109 E. Milwaukee Street
Janesville, Wisconsin

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Neil Lawrence

Dear Mr. Brentlinger:

We are herewith refunding Mr. Lawrence's registration fee
of \$1.00 per our letter January 18, 1962.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service

JDW:mlh
Encl. \$1.00

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5/24/61
JW.

er Youth, 22, Sentenced as Deviate

Neil E. Lawrence, 22, 526 S. Blackhawk St., Tuesday morning was ordered committed to the state prison at Waupun under the sex deviate law for an indefinite period to undergo further treatments as determined by the State Department of Public Welfare. Judge Ralph F. Gunn ordered the action after receipt of findings by the state department in a 60-day examination that was just completed at Waupun. That examination has been ordered by the court after Lawrence had entered guilty pleas on March 3 to three morals counts, all felonies involving teen-age Janesville boys. Janesville police detectives arrested Lawrence March 2. The offenses to which he pleaded guilty occurred here on or about Feb. 1 and Nov. 1, 1960 and Jan. 15, 1961. He also admitted several others that occurred elsewhere in Rock County. Lawrence was represented by the Geffs law firm in the court proceedings.

see news clippings
in
Elroy A. Bersch
folder also

FIELD SERVICE REPORT

Region 7 Council No. 633

INDIAN TRAILS

Council

JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

Hq. City

State

Date of visit MARCH 22-23, 1961

Date of report " 24, 1961

E. A. BERSCH
Scout Executive

JOHN E. HOUGH
Council President

PURPOSE OF VISIT:

TO REVIEW AND ADVISE REGARDING PROBLEM OF SEX DEVIATE CHARGED WITH IMMORAL ACTS WITH BOYS ON COUNCIL CAMP PROPERTY. TO ASSIST IN SELLING PROGRAM OF SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP WITH COUNCIL OFFICERS.

CONDITIONS FOUND:

GENERAL CONDITIONS APPEAR GOOD. COUNCIL MUST RAISE ABOUT \$10,000 TO MEET ITS CURRENT BUDGET AND REMOVE DEFICIT. COUNCIL OFFICERS ARE INCLINED TO RAISE THE MONEY UNDER FALSE CAUSE OF CAMP IMPROVEMENT.

ACTIVITY OF ONE NEIL LAWRENCE, 22 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REVEALED BY A 14 YEAR OLD BOY CHARGED WITH INDECENT EXPOSURE. HE IMPLICATED SEVERAL OTHER BOYS AND MR. LAWRENCE. MUCH OF THE ACTIVITY IN QUESTION HAD TAKEN PLACE AT THE COUNCIL CAMP DURING FALL AND WINTER MONTHS. MR. LAWRENCE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A CAMP STAFF MEMBER AND HAS CARRIED KEYS FOR THE CAMP.

MR. LAWRENCE IS NOW COMMITTED TO A 60 DAY STAY FOR OBSERVATION IN THE STATE HOSPITAL. HIS CASE IS DUE BEFORE THE COURTS ABOUT MAY 1.

ACTION TAKEN:

ASSISTED IN PLANNING DETAILS OF DRIVE FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP.

INVESTIGATED CASE OF MR. LAWRENCE AND ARRANGED FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH ME TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROBLEMS.

VISIT MADE BY: LESLIE B. NELSON
LBN:BS DEPUTY REGIONAL EXECUTIVE
Remarks by reviewer:

NOTED BY K.B.S.

APR 6 1961

Reviewed by: [Signature]
Regional Scout Executive or Divisional Director

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if assignment
is completed.

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NOTE: Each report should contain a statement under the following headings, as applicable:

1. Purpose of visit
2. Conditions found
3. Action taken
4. Recommendations made—local, regional, and national.

Use reverse side if additional space is required.

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Confidential File!

March 17, 1961

"Indecent liberties with Minor Males"

TO: R. H. Kubitz, State Parole Agent
FROM: [REDACTED]

NEIL LAWRENCE - Scoutmaster

This young man was recommended to Milton College by the principal of Jamesville High School under date of July 3, 1957. It was predicted he might be "an average student" - (199/365).

Our admissions record shows a fair rating on our tests, but his academic attainments at Milton College placed him on probation after one year. Probation was extended twice - 6/58 and 2/59. He was dropped in June, 1959 "for one year" after a very poor record in that second semester.

He had practically no associates on this campus. Being a daily commuter, we had little opportunity to observe his social life. Frankly, he was rated "an odd ball", but no evidence of vicious, anti-social habits was detected here. Most of us considered him an overgrown juvenile. He was evidently not a virile young man. Probably, our attitude was one of pity.

THE ABOVE CAN BE OF LITTLE VALUE TO THE COURT.

May I add a few comments as an experienced Scouter (Former Scout Executive in New York City and National Director of Registration). I recoil at the recollections of too many of those cases.

A fleeting suspicion concerning Neil Lawrence crossed my mind once at an evening dinner at Camp Indian Trails. My comment to the Camp Director at that time was not pointed, for I saw no untoward act, but rather weak leadership.

Any other comment would be purely hindsight.

This is a very unfortunate affair for all concerned. I fully understand the policy of the Boy Scouts of America and believe the less talk the better. Action is imperative.

I am reasonably sure you will find the local Council officials cooperative in this matter. As one of that group, I can offer absolutely no evidence of immorality, but the developments do not surprise me. The Developments shock us.

He will never again be registered by the Boy Scouts of America. This is a national policy of long standing.

cc: Boy Scouts - New Brunswick, New Jersey - National Council

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March 14, 1961

Mr. Elroy A. Bersch, Scout Executive
Indian Trails Council, No. 633
169 E. Milwaukee Street
Janesville, Wisconsin

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Neil E. Lawrence,
Scoutmaster, Troop 12

Dear Mr. Bersch:

Thank you for your letter concerning Neil E. Lawrence. I am enclosing a confidential record sheet for your use to provide us with a description. Please return it as soon as possible.

So that we may properly classify this, will you be more specific as to why you request that he be listed on our files. We would like to know why he was arrested, when and on what charge. This could make a good deal of difference in his future registration. If there are any statements from police or newspaper statements available, we would appreciate having them.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey
Director of Registration

BFS:mlh
Encl.

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INDIAN TRAILS

Boy Scouts of America
COUNCIL 7-633

Headquarters at 109 East Milwaukee Street, Janesville, Wisconsin
Pleasant 2-1546

March 6, 1961

Mr. Basil Starkey
Registration Service
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Starkey,

It is unfortunate to have to ask that the name of Neil E. Lawrence, age 22, 526 Blackhawk Street, Janesville, Wisconsin be put in the confidential file. He was formerly connected with Troop 12, Presbyterian Church, Janesville, Wisconsin.

His arrest this week was shocking and unfortunate.

Yours truly,

E. A. Bersch

E. A. Bersch,
Scout Executive

EAB:jl
cc: Les Nelson,
Regional Deputy